

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Ruth Riley, 2001 NCAA Naismith Player of the Year and member of the Notre Dame Women's Basketball Team, the 2001 NCAA Champions.

Friend, Mangus

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Ruth Riley, 2001 NCAA Naismith Player of the Year and member of the Notre Dame Women's Basketball Team, the 2001 NCAA Champions.

Whereas, Ruth Riley is from tiny Macy, Indiana and a graduate of North Miami High School;

Whereas, Ruth Riley's high school jersey has been retired and will be placed in the high school gym;

Whereas, Ruth Riley was a member of the 1997 Indiana All-Stars;

Whereas, Ruth Riley's high school exploits are scribbled in ink on a basketball: 53-28 record, 1,372 points, 1,011 rebounds and 427 blocks;

Whereas, according to former North Miami athletics director, Tim DuBois, "She's a role model for all our kids, especially the girl athletes.";

Whereas, Ruth Riley has always displayed a humble attitude and does not fail to give praise to the rest of her team. She even goes so far as to say that "My teammates and coaches have helped me develop into the player I am today.";

Whereas, Ruth Riley improved her game significantly



from her freshman year at Notre Dame to her senior year, becoming a quicker, stronger and smarter player;

Whereas, Ruth has an even-keel demeanor and dedication to strength training and conditioning that continues to amaze the Notre Dame coaches;

Whereas, according to Ruth's mother, Sharon Riley, "She's always given it her all.";

Whereas, Ruth has a maturity that intimidates other players, but at the same time is a player with a maturity that coaches most love to coach;

Whereas, according to Notre Dame Coach, Carol Owens, "Ruth's only as good as she is because she has the desire to get better.";

Whereas, Ruth averaged 17.8 points per game and 7.6 rebounds with 62.7 percent (197 of 314) shooting during her basketball career at Notre Dame;

Whereas, Ruth has 94 blocks in her career at Notre Dame and she has missed just five starts in her 125-game Irish career;

Whereas, Ruth helped in leading her Notre Dame Team to its first No. 1 ranking this season after their first-ever victory over Connecticut, a game Riley dominated with 29 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks and four assists;

Whereas, Ruth was named the National Player of the Year by "Sports Illustrated For Women" ("WBJ") and "The Women's Basketball Journal"; 2001 Big East Player of the Year; three-time All-Big East; three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year; "WBJ" Defensive Player of the Year; 2000 Verizon Academic All American; member of 1999 USA Women's World University Games team and 1998 Women's Select Team;



Whereas, Ruth was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2001 NCAA Tournament;

Whereas, Ruth is also a strong academic asset to the University of Notre Dame where she is expected to graduate in the spring of 2001 with a degree in psychology; she is likewise expected to make the Dean's List with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.65 and is also in the university's Academic Honors Program;

Whereas, Ruth Riley, throughout her career at Notre Dame, has developed into a polished low post player and an academic scholar and has most definitely earned the title of an All-American;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Ruth
2 Riley for being awarded the 2001 NCAA Naismith Player of the Year
3 and for her significant contributions as a member of the Notre Dame
4 Women's Basketball Team, the 2001 NCAA Champions.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly is directed to
7 transmit a copy of this resolution to Ruth Riley, to her mother Sharon
8 Riley, to Mr. Tim DuBois, to University of Notre Dame head women's
9 basketball coach, Muffet McGraw and to Notre Dame coach, Carol
10 Owens;

